



# CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF EASTERN ONTARIO

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## MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Microsoft Teams – 6:00 p.m. to 8:20 p.m.

### **SEAC Members:**

**Sue Wilson, (Chair)**

*Trustee*

**Karen McAllister**

*Trustee*

**Tom Jordan**

*Family and Children Services of Lanark,  
Leeds, and Grenville*

**Kim Peterson**

*Member at Large*

**Rob More**

*Rural FASD Support Network*

**Nicole Taylor**

*Autism Ontario - East Region*

### **Board Resource Staff:**

**Heather Gerber**

*Superintendent of School Effectiveness*

**Renee Rozon**

*Principal of Special Education*

**Kariane Schinzel**

*Administrative Assistant to  
Superintendent Gerber*

### **Approved Regrets with notification:**

**Amanda Banfield (Vice Chair)**

*Lanark County Support Services*

### **Guests:**

**Kelly Beale - presenter**

*Counsel, Office of the Children's lawyer,  
Ministry of the Attorney General*

**Ashley Walker**

*CSC Representative,  
St. Anne, Cornwall*

**Charlene Davidson**

*CSC Representative,  
St. Joseph CSS, Cornwall*

**Sharon Roche**

*CSC Representative,  
Holy Cross, Kemptville*

**Christina Lefebvre**

*Parent, St. Gregory, Carleton Place*

**Kimberly Gill**

*Children's Aid Society of the United Counties  
of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry*

**Natasha Scott**

*Cornwall Community Hospital*

**Sarah Derks**

*Special Education Resource Teacher,  
St. Mary, Chesterville*

**Rhonda Peterson**

*CUPE*

**Meghan Jarzyna**

*CSC Representative,  
St. Mary CHS, Brockville*

**Amanda Petch**

*Autism Ontario - East Region*



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## 1. **Welcome, Introductions and Roll Call**

Sue Wilson (Chair) called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed all members and guests.

### **Roll Call**

Absent: Amanda Banfield (Vice Chair), Lanark County Support Services

## 2. **Land Acknowledgment**

Superintendent Heather Gerber Acknowledged the Land.

## 3. **Land Acknowledgment**

Principal Rozon led the group in opening prayer.

## 4. **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by: Tom Jordan CARRIED

## 5. **Receiving November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Minutes**

SEAC minutes from meeting #1 and meeting#2 were electronically approved on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

### **Motion:**

To receive minutes as presented.

Moved by: Kim Peterson CARRIED

## 6. **Presentation: Human Trafficking**

Kelly Beale – Counsel, Office of the Children’s Lawyer, Ministry of the Attorney General

Kelly Beale has prosecuted all types of criminal offences, specializing in child abuse and exploitation, multi-victim, and high-profile sexual violence cases. She was a designated mentor for junior crowns on sexual violence prosecutions and a designated human trafficking prosecution crown.

Since 2017, she has been leading Ontario’s Legal Support Program for Victims of Human Trafficking. As independent counsel for victims of human trafficking, Kelly provides confidential legal advice and support to victims of human trafficking across the province to help them escape their trafficking situations. She often obtains human trafficking restraining orders, preventing traffickers from having any contact with their victims, or others at risk, while also connecting survivors with wrap-around supports.



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Kelly participated in the development of Ontario's *Anti-Human Trafficking Act* and currently educates police, judges, lawyers, child welfare agencies, medical professionals, anti-human trafficking coalitions, front line workers, and service providers on provincial human trafficking legislation. She is regularly consulted by other provinces that are in the process of developing similar legislation and presents at human trafficking conferences across Ontario on her unique role and how it can assist other stakeholders in their efforts to end human trafficking.

Contact information to be shared:

Kelly Beale, Counsel  
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## 7. Association Updates

### **Lanark County Support Services – Amanda Banfield**

**Report update:** *no formal report for the month of January*

### **Rural FASD Support Network – Rob More**

**Report update:**

- We have been selected to receive a Federal Enabling Accessibility Fund. With this money, we will be videotaping youth with FASD being interviewed by Shelby De Rose on a variety of topics related to living with FASD. We will then be posting the video through our website, social media channels and newsletter.
- We have been informed that Smiths Falls, Walmart has selected us as a community partner and will be providing all refreshments related to all gatherings.
- The Town of Prescott contributed a community grant enabling us to start bringing more FASD awareness to that area.
- Hillside Church, Almonte also made a generous donation to support our 1:1 mentoring program.
- We have completed our logic model, evaluation plan, and budget for the GEEK Fund for the Ontario Brain Institute. We have now established our four pillars of service which includes awareness, fellowship, education, and skill development. We are being told that we have determined a unique and highly successful model on overcoming rural accessibility as well as how to move a grassroots organization from concept to scale.
- We have been told our Organizational Mentor Open Doors for Lanark Children and Youth has been approved by Trillium.



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- 14 children received gifts from Santa Claus at our December meeting and family photos were received with Santa through the wonders of technology
- Beckwith Tech Camp once again received a grant from Lanark County and will be offering year-round programming again.
- Dr. Anik Gosselin of the Royal Brockville presented on how she diagnosed and supported adults with FASD in the Brockville Secure Unit. As a result of meeting the group, the Royal Hospital has requested training on diagnosing and referring adults with FASD for all their clinicians.
- We are hosting our AGM Sat, Feb 19 starting at 10:30am. We continue to have about 5-6 participants for all three of our youth groups and 15 caregivers for our support meetings.
- We also have eight young adults with FASD now working 1:1 with an adult mentor for daily living skills and mental health support through our Bell Let's Talk Fund.
- Our Environmental Scan and Gap analysis report continues to progress well and still on pace for a May release.
- After two years of our support and marketing, Rick finally got a job greeting people at Carebridge one day a week. He bought 2 cases of Pepsi with his first paycheck.
- We had a very positive meeting with PC Candidate John Jordan of LFK who demonstrated a strong interest in everything we are doing.
- Our online bookkeeping system with HR Block is now up and running.
- We have started the process of getting our charitable status.
- Andrew Jahn, a professional musician, is launching his new album in May and decided to have a benefit concert for Rural FASD as part of the launch. More information still to come.

## **Family and Children's Services of Lanark, Leeds and Grenville – Tom Jordan**

**Report update:** *no formal report for the month of January*

## **East Region of Autism Ontario – Nicole Taylor**

**Report update:**

- The Chapter have some concerns about transitions between elementary/middle school and secondary since covid.
  - The Chapter can suggest some ways to aid students to better transition with social stories or visits.
  - This can also be considered during the transitions back and forth between in person learning and virtual learning.
  - The Chapter suggests having a week in the life of a secondary student so those who have special needs will feel they know what's expected of them, what new rules there may be, meet the staff and, if possible, have a designated person that they can feel safe to go to in a high stress moment or in crisis.



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- Social stories come in handy as students can read them during summer months in preparation and remain familiar.
- Upcoming event – Snowmobile Ride for Autism 2022
  - Being held in Plantagenet on February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022; the event is a scavenger hunt where participants will be asked to raise donations throughout the day and collect items or take pictures to gain points to win prizes.
  - All donations will be given to Autism Ontario – East Region and benefits all families in the local area.

## **Member at Large – Kim Peterson**

### **Report update:**

- **FREE virtual workshops that are open to ALL.**
  - Mental Health Night - January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022. 7 pm  
Registration:  
<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/mental-health-night-tickets-216051374477?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>
  - How to protect your child from sexual exploitation - February 10, 2022. 7 pm  
Registration:  
<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/how-to-protect-your-child-from-sexual-exploitation-tickets-219627851817?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

## **8. Department Update – Principal of Special Education, Renée Rozon**

- The Special Education for Administrators Additional Qualifications Course is almost completed. Eight administrators, including our new vice-principals have participated in this course.
- Since our last SEAC meeting, the Special Education Department has continued to provide ongoing professional development including:
  - Meetings with new Special Education Resource Teachers to share important information about the role
  - Sessions for Unqualified Teachers that included a general overview of Special Education as it relates to the classroom teacher
  - Optional before and after school sessions on various topics to take place in February and March.
  - For the upcoming Professional Development Day on February 1<sup>st</sup>, Special Education Staff will be leading workshops for Educational Assistants, Student Support Workers, and Itinerant ABE workers. Topics Include:
    - Effective Strategies to Support Students with Attention Difficulties
    - Relationship Building with Students with ASD
    - Creating Accessible Content



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- Below the Behaviour: Using brain science to better understand student behaviour and fostering growth
  - Essential Methods of Supporting Students with Vision Loss
  - A Deeper Understanding of Behavioural Change; using reinforcement in the classroom for diverse learners
- Thanks to additional Ministry funding, we plan to hire an additional Occupation Therapist for the remainder of this school year.
  - Last week, April Hackett-Helmkay, one of our Speech Language-Pathologists, participated in a round table meeting organized by International Dyslexia Association. Educators across the province were given an opportunity to speak with Ministers Lecce and Dunlop regarding suggestions to improve literacy instruction in Ontario. Our speech and language team were highlighted for having created an extensive resource base and in-service.

## 9. New Business

- Proposed 2022-2023 School Year Calendar reviewed with feedback  
*(feedback to be submitted to Superintendent of School Effectiveness, Natalie Cameron, on January 27<sup>th</sup>)*
  - Having a PA Day mid week; East Region Autism Ontario recommends staff work closely with those who have special needs as changes to routine can cause dysregulation. Keeping families and children aware of the date approaching and working with them to transition back on the specified date may require extra accommodations.
- Minister's Advisory Council on Special Education (MACSE) Communication: Collaborating with the Community document, *February 2022 – reviewed and collaborated (to be submitted January 31st, 2022)*
- Autism Ontario East Region request for alternate representation on SEAC
  - Letter was received from Lisa Nightingale, Chapter & Volunteer Supervisor, Autism Ontario – East Region, appointing Amanda K. Petch to sit as the alternate representative for Autism Ontario – East Region.
  - A recommendation from SEAC to appoint Amanda K. Petch as alternate representative for Autism Ontario – East Region for the balance of this term of office, ending November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022. This recommendation goes forward to the board of trustees for their consideration on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

Moved by: Tom Jordan      Carried



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- Child and Youth Mental Health Services, Cornwall Community Hospital, request for representation on SEAC
  - Letter was received from Deena Shorkey, Director, Child and Youth Mental Health Services, Cornwall Community Hospital, appointing Natash Scott, Manager of Child and Youth Mental Health Services, to sit as representative for Cornwall Community Hospital.
  - A recommendation from SEAC to appoint Natasha Scott as representative for Child and Youth Mental Health Services, Cornwall Community Hospital for the balance of this term of office, ending November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022. This recommendation goes forward to the board of trustees for their consideration on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

Moved by: Kim Peterson Carried

- Children's Aid Society of the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry (CAS SDG), request for representation on SEAC
  - Letter was received from Rachel Daigneault, Executive Director, CAS SDG, appointing Kimberly Gill to sit as representative for Children's Aid Society of the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry.
  - A recommendation from SEAC to appoint Kimberly Gill as representative for CAS SDG for the balance of this term of office, ending November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022. This recommendation goes forward to the board of trustees for their consideration on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

Moved by: Tom Jordan Carried

- Information flyer received from Parents Reaching Out (PRO)
  - School boards are funded to administer the PRO grants program in collaboration with their Parent Involvement Committees (PICs) and are encouraged to work with their Indigenous Advisory Council (IAC), Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC), board's Equity and Access body, school councils and community organizations to identify projects.
  - Eligible projects – projects that demonstrate parent input on how schools can improve in at least one of the following areas:
    - Addressing social inclusion and racism
    - Creating a safe and welcoming environment
    - Demonstrating respect for parents as valued partners within the education system
    - Enhancing communication with teachers
    - Informing parents about the expectations of the Ontario Curriculum and supporting resources
  - Projects must be initiated by parents through communication with the PIC, a school council or other parent groups in the community.





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**13. Good News Sharing**

Members and guests shared items of good news from across our eight counties.

**14. Closing Prayer**

Principal Rozon led the group in the CDSBEO Board Prayer.

**13. Motion To Adjourn the Meeting**

Moved by: Tom Jordan **CARRIED**

**CDSBEO SEAC Quorum Tracking**

	Chair, Trustee	Vice Chair, Lanark County Support Services	Trustee	Rural FASD Support Network	Cornwall Community Hospital	Family and Children Services of Lanark, Leeds and Grenville	Member at Large	East Region of Autism Ontario	Total
September 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2021	P	P	P	P	P	x		-	5
September 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	-	7
October 27, 2021	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	-	7
November 24, 2021	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	-	7
January 26, 2022	P	x	P	P	P	P	P	P	7
February 23, 2022									
March 30, 2022									
April 27, 2022									
May 25, 2022									

*(4 members are required to be in attendance in order to reach Quorum)*